

## NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 396

Introduced by Howard, 9; Combs, 32; Price, 26

WHEREAS, each year about seven hundred thousand Americans suffer a new or recurrent stroke, and on average, a stroke occurs every forty-five seconds; and

WHEREAS, stroke is the nation's third-leading cause of death, and on average, about every three minutes someone dies of a stroke; and

WHEREAS, one-third of stroke victims are under age sixty-five and three of every five deaths from stroke occur in women; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that up to eighty percent of all strokes may be preventable; and

WHEREAS, only about five percent of stroke patients arrive at the hospital in time to receive potentially life-saving treatment because many are unfamiliar with the warning signs or do not realize they should seek medical help immediately; and

WHEREAS, Americans will pay about \$57.9 billion in 2006 for stroke-related medical costs and disability; and

WHEREAS, each year, the American Stroke Association recognizes the month of May as Stroke Awareness Month to increase public awareness about the warning signs of stroke and that "Stroke is a medical emergency: Call 9-1-1".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes May of 2006 as Stroke  
Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That during the week communities are encouraged to  
participate in activities designed to increase public awareness  
about strokes.